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## **ARKANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CRIMES**

(Tyler, TX) A 32-year-old McNeil, Arkansas, man has been sentenced to 84 months in federal prison for drug and gun crimes in the Eastern District of Texas. **WILLIAM COOKSEY ROBERSON** was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge David Folsom.

According to evidence presented in court, on February 3, 2004 a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper stopped Roberson's vehicle on IH-30 in Titus County for speeding. The trooper requested Roberson's permission to search the vehicle and Roberson consented. As a result of the search, the trooper discovered over 220 grams of methamphetamine wrapped in black duct tape and a .40 caliber, Smith & Wesson pistol on the front seat. Roberson was arrested and taken to the Titus County Jail. Roberson pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine on February 2, 2005.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent

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offenders in an effort to make our communities safer. Over the past four years, law enforcement across America increased federal gun crime prosecutions by 76%. Here in the Eastern District of Texas, gun crime prosecutions are up an impressive 93%.

**United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "Drug crimes are intensified when firearms are present and this sentence is a just conclusion to this case. We will continue to vigorously prosecute armed drug dealers in the Eastern District of Texas."**

This case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Noble.

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